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SUBJECT: ITALIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALI POLICE

1. ITALIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL HERE HAS CONFIRMED THAT SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT KULMIYE HAS REQUESTED ITALIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALI POLICE. REQUEST INCLUDES TRAINING, ARMS AND OTHER MATERIEL. ITALIANS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING SOME TRAINING BUT HAD INTENDED TO END THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR. THEY NOW BELIEVE
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IT APPROPRIATE TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF SOMALIA'S PROFESSED DESIRE FOR A DIPLOMATIC REORIENTATION TOWARDS THE WEST.

2. TRAINING: THERE ARE PLANS TO SEND 22 SOMALI POLICE OFFICERS TO ITALY. GOI IS ALSO WILLING TO CONSIDER CONDUCTING SOME TRAINING IN SOMALIA.

3. ARMS AND MATERIEL: SOMALIS HAVE REQUESTED ANY DIS-CARDED OR SECOND-HAND ITALIAN POLICE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS UNIFORMS AND SMALL ARMS. THEY HAVE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, RADIO EQUIPMENT AND HEAVY AND LIGHT TRANSPORT. GOI IS WILLING TO PROVIDE WEAPONS AND MATERIEL BUT AT COMMERCIAL RATES, NOT ON GRANT OR CONCESSIONAL TERMS.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED ITALIANS ARE CONSTRAINED IN THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO SOMALI REQUEST BY CONTINUED PRESENCE OF ITALIAN COLONY IN ERITREA. VANCE

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